



# St. Anthony of Padua CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## December 24, 2021

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Monday—Thursday

10AM to 4PM

## NATIVITY *of the Lord*



### THE HOLY FAMILY



Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

- Lk 2:45-47

## December 26, 2021

Mass

9:00AM Sundays in Parish Hall

Live Stream

[bit.ly/sapatlantayoutube](https://bit.ly/sapatlantayoutube)

**Parish Mission.** Guided & inspired by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a beacon of hope in the wider community by sharing our unique cultural & spiritual experiences & spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all. As a Church Family, we strive to collectively & individually share the responsibility of continuing the mission of Jesus Christ to heal, reconcile, & serve.

## Remember in Prayer

Father of goodness & love, hear our prayers for the sick & housebound members of our community & for all who are in need. May the fullness of your will be done in their lives. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

Christine Belcher	Easton Hairston	Mildred Morrison
Edith C. Bentley	Carla Neal-Haley	Belinda Pederoso
Ingrid Berry	Maurice & Domonica Hilt	Sabrina Polote
Catherine Binns	Eartha L. Jackson	Natalie Miles Reed
Tahlia Bostic	Alvin Johnson	Kathryn Rivers
Msgr. Ed Branch	Everett Johnson	Louise Robinson
Marzine Bristow Sr.	Shirley R. Kelley	Taralyn Ruff
Emarie Browning	Simeon Kelley	Sheila Russel
Agnes Carter	Len & Julie Lacour	Jacqueline Simpson
Charles D. Carter	Eunice Lecounte	Larry Stewart
Diane Dalton	Hilmore Lee	Destiny Strider
Gloria Edwards	Michael Malcolm	Pauline Washington
Linnie Francis	Merrine McDonald	Teresa Williams
John & Patricia Guice	Romaine Miller	
Journee A. Guice		

## Mass Intentions

Dec 24 9:00 AM: The People of the Parish

Dec 26 9:00 AM: The People of the Parish

## The Pope's December Prayer Intention

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage & creativity & in the power of the Holy Spirit

## Archdiocesan Announcements

25th Eucharistic Congress **Oct 15 E-Blast**  
Black Catholic Ministry. **Connected Newsletter**  
Faith in Formation. **Dec Newsletter**  
Fortunate & Faithful Families. **LGBTQ+ Info here**  
Justice & Peace Ministries. **Dec Newsletter**  
Marriage Today. **Sept Newsletter**  
Respect Life. **Dec Newsletter**  
Youth Ministry. **Dec Newsletter**

### Building Your Marriage Before It Starts Workshop.

Four dates to choose from: 2/5; 4/2; 8/27; 10/29.  
Contact Kelly Angelo at 404-252-4513 ext 221.

**Ignatius House Event & Retreat Calendar.** Tours, spiritual direction, classes, & retreats through Feb.  
High schoolers & Young Adults wanted for quarterly features & e-newsletters to The Georgia Bulletin.  
Contact Sam Smith [ssmith@georgiabulletin.org](mailto:ssmith@georgiabulletin.org).

**Penance Services for Advent Season.** Several parishes offer large penance services across the Archdiocese.

Young Men's Winter **Discernment Retreat.** Jan 4-5 @ Camp Covecrest. Transportation available.

The **Year of St. Joseph** celebration continues.  
St. Thomas Aquinas **free video series** explaining the deeper meaning of Mass & its components. A great refresher for Catholics & teaching aid for RCIA.

**Safe Environment.** Local & national resources to help keep our parishes, schools, homes, & communities safe. 24-hr hotline: 888-437-076.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for sharing your gifts from God.

December 19

Offertory \$4,483.50

Capital Campaign \$2,249.00

### Annual Appeal 2021—COMPLETED

Thanks to you we have completed our Parish goal & rebate goal for this year's annual appeal! For the remainder of 2021, consider directing donations to the Capital Campaign, Offertory, or other 2nd collections.

## Upcoming 2nd Collections.

12/24-25—Catholic Charities, Atlanta.

Provides supportive services that enable families to overcome barriers & achieve self-sufficiency.

12/26; 1/2; 1/9 —Capital Campaign. Church renovations are in the final stretch. Your donation will support the beautification & preservation of St. Anthony of Padua Parish as a worship & gathering space for generations to come.

1/16 Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries—

Supports the needs of an estimated 500,000 Hispanic & Latino local residents in the context of their own language & cultures.

## Other Information

**Online Giving.** While Parish activity is limited due to construction, the church has the same operational expenses.

Contribute securely to Offertory, Capital Campaign, & 2nd Collections online at [bit.ly/stanthonyonlinegiving](https://bit.ly/stanthonyonlinegiving). The online giving system was upgraded. recently Please be aware that you may need to create a new account. Try resetting your password first. If that doesn't work, you'll need to create a new account. The upgraded system now allows for gifts to multiple funds in a single transaction & the ability to use Google pay.

**Workplace Giving.** If your employer offers charitable giving opportunities, consider a gift to the parish. Some companies offer payroll giving, matched giving, peer matching, grants, & more. Let the office know if the church needs to register for you to participate.

**Amazon Smile.** Instead of shopping at Amazon.com; make the switch to Smile! Select St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Atlanta Inc as your charity of choice. The parish gets 0.5% of eligible purchase price as a donation from **Amazon Smile**.

**Catholic Foundation of North GA.** Consider naming the parish endowment fund as a beneficiary of your 401K or retirement account. Request a form from your plan provider. Contact Juliet Greco ([jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org)) at the **Catholic Foundation**. 404-497-9440

**Contact Information Changes.** Notify the office if you have name, address, phone, or email changes.

**Envelopes.** Notify the office to start, stop, or pause receiving packages of giving envelopes in the mail.



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## ***Parish Announcements***

### ***Centering Prayer Groups***

Do you seek a more intimate relationship with God? Wed 6:30 PM & Sat 9:30 AM. We find healing, light & love together praying in the ancient tradition. Contact [Leslie Geer here](#), for the Zoom link info. Learn more about [Centering Prayer](#), All are welcome!

### ***Submit Your Ideas to Re-Name Parish Hall***

The Parish Hall needs a name. Please submit your ideas to Fr. Vic. Consider the history of the Parish, our Parish Mission, or the general purpose of the gathering space.

### ***Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home Auxiliary Fundraiser***

The Keen Agers are raising funds to support the merciful end-of-life care for those with no where else to turn provided by the Hawthorne Dominican Sisters. All patients are accepted regardless of their ability to pay. For a 2nd year in a row, the pandemic has thwarted the usual fun of a luncheon & raffle drawings across the Archdiocese. The loss of crucial donation-streams has left a tremendous deficit. Please consider contributing to this magnificent charity that tenderly provides comprehensive palliative

care to patients prior to their transition. Thanks for your generosity! You can give online (look for OLPHHA Cancer Home Fundraiser) or include a check memo—OLPHHA Fundraiser.

### ***Advent Blue Books & 2022 Josephite Calendars***

The Little Blue Book for Advent & Christmas Season is available for your family to pick up at Mass. These are much loved 6-minute reflections & weekday Gospels. Also, with the support of H. Griner Funeral Home, 2022 Josephite Calendars have arrived. Pick up one for your family at Mass 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

### ***Share Special Days***

If you have an upcoming Birthday, Anniversary, milestone, or cause for celebration please use this form so that it can be announced at Mass [bit.ly/2YHDMbT](https://bit.ly/2YHDMbT).

### ***Help Rebuild After Tornado Devastation***

Catholic Charities Atlanta is raising funds to forward to the communities in Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, & Tennessee that were struck by the Dec 10th storms. Write checks to St. Anthony of Padua with a memo for Tornado Relief or donate via the Parish giving system—just look for the Catholic Charities Tornado Relief fund.

**And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory., the glory as of the  
Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14)**

### ***Live the Liturgy***

Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about the sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights & colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tun with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh & now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty & radiance of God & can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God & His children. All is bright & all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ & rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of Jesus, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, & love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not here by chance but that we are loved, treasured, & blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way.



### ***Live the Liturgy***

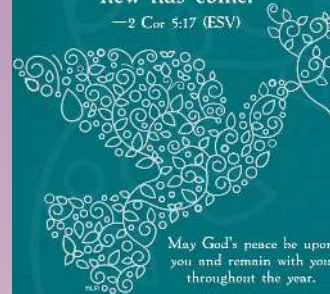
Our families bring out the best & the worst in us. This is true of families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, our church family, our society, & the like. Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered. When life gets difficult & perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that it is not just by human efforts that we tread treacherous waters. We have to recall & learn from the Divine Effort too. The Divine Story is a love story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, & light where there is darkness. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely & well. We are all works in progress & we all comes from imperfect families & homes. In whatever life brings us & in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith & hope lead us to healthy relationships & greater love.

## Weekly Readings

Monday 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Tuesday 28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 /Mt 2:13-18  
 Wednesday 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 /Lk 2:22-35  
 Thursday 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 /Lk 2:36-40  
 Friday 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
 Saturday 1: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Next Sunday 2: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

## MLK Day 5K Drum Run: Let Freedom Run



The MLKDay5K Drum Run/Walk gathers diverse groups in the community to celebrate Martin Luther King Day in the spirit of sisterhood & brotherhood with fellowship & fitness. This 5K walk/run will take place entirely on New Peachtree Road. The FLAT & FAST out & back USATF certified

race course & Peachtree Road Race qualifier will have a 3.1-mile drumline all along the racecourse. This 5K will have a vibe like no race ever run.

Partial proceeds from the run will be returned to St. Anthony of Padua again this year!

Registration \$30 & includes a long sleeve shirt. Make sure to select/join our parish group: "St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church" so that we can show up in force for this joyful day of community celebration. [bit.ly/3rv4Utt](https://bit.ly/3rv4Utt)

## Lyke House at AUC —New Art Exhibit

The Archbishop Lyke Memorial Gallery celebrates contributions of Black Catholics to U. S. Catholicism & the universal church. Read about the new exhibit in [The Georgia Bulletin article](#) by St. Anthony of Padua Parishioner, Andrew Nelson. Lyke House—809 Beckwith St SW (Atl) [lykehouse.org](http://lykehouse.org)

## Advertisements for Sunday Bulletin

When the church opens, we need to send our bulletin out to be printed professionally. If sponsors buy year-long ads on the back page — it can be printed at no cost.

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To place an ad contact :  
 Melissa Jones with LPi 205-382-4555 [mjones@4LPi.com](mailto:mjones@4LPi.com)  
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## 2022 Catholic Foundation Investment Forum

### Keynote Speaker Rupal Bhansali

Ariel Investments, Chief Investment Officer of International & Global Equities  
 Winning by Not Losing:  
 A Provocative Look at Global Markets



### Also Presenting Rod Henneck and Michael Butkus

Atlanta Consulting Group  
 Catholic Foundation Portfolio Update



Thursday, February 3, 2022

7:30-8:30 AM check in and breakfast  
 8:30-10:30 AM speakers and Q&A

### Dunwoody Country Club

1600 Dunwoody Club Drive  
 Atlanta, GA 30350

The Catholic Foundation Investment Forum is back for the 3rd year! Attend this event to learn about the 2022 economic outlook and how the Catholic Foundation stewards our assets to meet the needs of the community.

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